

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals- Grant of Reconnaissance Permits for Diamond and other Precious Minerals, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver, Bismuth and Cadmium etc., over an area of 2800 Sq.Kms falling in Suryapet Central of Nalgonda District for a period of 3 years, in favour of M/s A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration – orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (MINES I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 21

Dated: 27-03-2010
Read the Following

1. From M/s A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration, R.P.. application dt. 16-4-2003.
2. From the D.M.G., file No. 13314/R7.1/2005, dt. 2-3-2005.
3. Govt., Letter No.3290/M.I(2)/2005-1, Ind. & Com. (M-I) Dept., dt. 17-8-2005.
4. From the Ministry for Mines , Government of India, Letter. No 4/107/2005-MIV, dt. 24-12-2008,

ORDER

M/s. A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration have filed application for grant of Reconnaissance Permit for Diamond and other precious minerals, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver, Bismuth and Cadmium etc., over an area of 2800 Sq.Kms within the coordinates falling in Suryapet Central of Nalgonda Dist., for a period of 3 years, vide reference 1st read above.

2. The Director of Mines and Geology , Hyderabad through his reference 2nd read above has recommended for grant of Reconnaissance Permit for Diamond and other Precious Minerals, Gold, Copper, Lead Zinc, Silver, Bismuth and Cadmium etc., over an area of 2800 Sq.Kms falling in Suryapet Central of Nalgonda District for a period of 3 years, in favour of M/s A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration, subject to the prior approval of the Central Government under section 5 (1) of M&M(D&R) Act, 1957.

3. After careful examination of the proposals of the Director of Mines and Geology, the Government of A.P. have decided to grant the Reconnaissance Permit for Diamond and other Precious Minerals, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver, Bismuth and Cadmium etc., over an extent of 2800 Sq.Kms falling in Suryapet Central of Nalgonda District for a period of 3 years, in favour of M/s A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration, Bangalore, subject to obtaining prior approval of Govt. of India under Section 5(1) and 11(3) of the MM(D&R) Act 1957 and special conditions to be imposed on R.P holder under rule 27(3) of M.C. Rules 1960. Accordingly the state addressed the Ministry of mines in Govt . of India vide letter dt. 17-8-2005 in the reference 3rd read above.

4. The Government of India in the reference 4th read above conveyed their approval under section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act,1957 to the grant of Reconnaissance Permit for Diamond and other Precious Minerals, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver, Bismuth and Cadmium etc., over an area of 2800 Sq.Kms falling in Suryapet Central of Nalgonda District, in favour of M/s A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration for a period of 3 years, subject to imposition of the following conditions the Ministry has been imposing on R.P. cases:

- (i) If on the date of execution of the RP., there are areas already held under PLs or MLs in the area granted under this Reconnaissance Permit, the Reconnaissance Permit holder shall not have preferential rights for grant of PL under section 11(1) of the MM(D&R) act, 1957 in respect of such overlapping areas already held under PLs/MLs on the date of execution of the R.P.

- (ii) If radiometric instruments are fitted during the aerial survey, the holder of the R.P. shall make available the data generated to the Atomic Mineral Directorate for Exploration and Research, Department of Atomic Energy, AMD complex Begumpet Hyderabad-500016(A.P.)
- (iii) The State Govt. would also ensure that the stipulated targets for R.P. operations and expenditure commitments made by the applicant company in their R.P. application are strictly adhered to failing which the R.P. would be cancelled.
- (iv) Before allowing the grant of R.P., the applicant shall comply with the amended provisions of the MM(D&R) Act 1957 and MCR 1960 and other applicable Acts and Rules including Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby accord permission for grant of Reconnaissance Permit for Diamond and other Precious Minerals, Gold, Copper, Lead, Zinc, Silver, Bismuth and Cadmium etc., over an area of 2800 Sq.Kms falling in Suryapet Central of Nalgonda District for a period of 3 years, in favour of M/s A.C.C. Rio Tinto Exploration as per prior approval of Central Government under Section 5 of M&M(D&R) Act 1957 since the proposed minerals are Schedule –I Minerals, as conveyed by the Government of India vide reference 5th read above and also subject to satisfaction of provisions of Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 and to the conditions specified in para 4 above with the following coordinates:

STATION	Longitude	Latitude
1	78° 55' 57"	17° 13' 56"
2	79° 12' 40"	17° 21' 29"
3	79° 40' 39"	16° 43' 51"
4	79° 25' 04"	16° 34' 52"
5	78° 55' 57"	17° 13' 56"

6. Rates of Permit fees and Security Deposit are as specified below:
- (i) Permit fee : Rs 20/- per Sq. Km of land held by the permit holder for each year or part thereof
 - (ii) Security Deposit : Rs 20/- for every Sq. Kms or part thereof for which the permit is granted.
7. The grantee shall execute the deed within ninety days from the date of communication of this order as per Rule 7(A) of Mineral Concession Rules 1960.
8. The grantee shall ensure that the stipulated targets for Reconnaissance operations and expenditure commitments made by them in R.P. application are strictly adhered to, failing which the Reconnaissance Permit would be cancelled.
9. The terms and conditions referred to above are subject to further modifications, additions and alterations as may be ordered before the deed is executed.
10. The Director of Mines and Geology is requested to take necessary further action for the execution of the R.P after satisfying himself that the grantee holds a valid M.R.C.C. and the current I.T.C.C.. As soon as the deed is executed, the date of such execution should be reported to the Government. He shall ensure that all the required conditions are followed before execution of Reconnaissance Permit Deed..

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11. The grant is liable for cancellation, should it be found that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud or in excess of authority.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Copy to:

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The Collector, Nalgonda District.

The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

The Director general Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Bihar

The Secretary to Government of India , Ministry of Mines New Delhi

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER